IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re F	atent Application of	
Jean-Luc Dubois)		Group Art Unit:
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For:	METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ACRYLIC ACID FROM PROPANE, IN THE ABSENCE OF MOLECULAR OXYGEN))))

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND PAYMENT OF FEES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby provided with a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as containing a request therefor for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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